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SUBJECT: REPORTED DEATH BY TORTURE OF ANA GONZALEZ.

REF: GRAHAM/BRIGGS TELCON, 4/78.

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HAS WIDELY CIRCULATED A REPORT THAT AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED ANA GONZALEZ WAS ARRESTED ON JANUARY 31, 1978, BRUTALLY TORTURED AT THE 3RD POLICE STATION, RESULTING IN HER DEATH, AND HER BODY HANDED OVER TO HER FAMILY ON FEBRUARY 15. ANA GONZALEZ REPORTEDLY WORKED FOR A FIRM SELLING CLOTHING AND TEXTILES, FROM WHICH SHE WAS DISCHARGED AND ARRESTED AT THE INSTIGATION OF THE COMPANY OWNER. AMNESTY SPECULATES THAT THE CAUSE OF THIS ACTION WAS HER DEFENCE OF WORKER RIGHTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF WOMEN. A COPY OF THE AMNESTY INFORMATION SHEET ON THIS CASE IS BEING POUCHED, WHICH GRAPHICALLY DETAILS THE ALLEGED TORTURE AND OTHER PARTIC-
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ULARS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. SKETCHY DETAILS OF THIS CASE WERE FIRST BROUGHT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION BY MARGARET WILDE AND RELAYED TO THE EMBASSY IN AN APRIL TELCON WITH FORMER DCM BRIGGS, WHO INDICATED THAT REGULAR EMBASSY

SOURCES HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT. MRS. WILDE ADVISED US THAT THE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED BY DOMINGO LAINO AND THE RADICAL-LIBERAL PARTY AFTER MUCH DIFFICULTY. WITHOUT THE MATRONYMIC, THE NAME ANA GONZALEZ WAS APPARENTLY COMMONPLACE AND HARD TO TRACE.

3. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO COMMENT ON THE AUTHENTICITY OF THIS REPORT. IF TRUE, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO BRINGING THE CASE TO THE ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE GOP AUTHORITIES AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF PRACTICES WHICH ARE PARTICULARLY OFFENSIVE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AND WHICH SERIOUSLY DAMAGE THE PARAGUAYAN REPUTATION ABROAD. END CONFIDENTIAL. VANCE

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